

Lamoine Parks Commission

Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2018 (Final Draft – subject to correction)

Park Commission Chairman Cathi Goebel called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm at the Lamoine Town Hall.

Present: Parks Commission members Cathi Goebel, Doug Jones, Jeff Cosulich, Maggie Andros and Bob Ehlers.

Minutes of the April 14, 2018 Meeting

The minutes of the April 14, 2018 meeting were approved as written. Doug proposed and Jeff seconded a motion to accept the minutes as written. **Vote in favor was 5 to 0.**

Business

1) Selection of Officers: Maggie nominated and Jeff seconded the nomination of Cathi for the position of chairman. **Vote in favor was 5 to 0.**

Cathi nominated and Maggie seconded the nomination of Doug for secretary. **Vote in favor was 5 to 0.**

2) Lamoine Beach Park Playground Proposal: Cynthia Donaldson, Amy Duym and Anne LaBossiere of the Lamoine Little Children group made a presentation on their proposal (first presented to the commission on July 10, 2017) for playground equipment at the park. The group would like to install three pieces of playground equipment aimed towards preschool and elementary school aged children in time for the town's 150th anniversary celebration in 2020. The proposal involves installing three spring mounted children's rides, one in the shape of a fishing trawler and two in the shape of a lobster. The rides would be located in the grass area between the parking lot and the picnic tables on the left side of the grass area. The rides are manufactured in Canada and are designed to withstand Canadian Maritime coastal conditions. The estimated cost is under \$10,000. The group requested feedback from the commissioners on the merits of the proposal, suggestions for improving on it and support for continuing to pursue the idea.

The commissioners discussed the appropriateness of the design and construction of the equipment and agreed that they were suitable for the park. Bob noted that the proposed location is a wet area and that it may need to be regraded to eliminate this problem. Bob also noted that some thought should be given to what material would cover the ground underneath the rides, grass, wood chips or something else.

The commissioners agreed that the group should continue to research the idea and develop a more detailed plan. The group agreed to do this and present the plan at a future parks commission meeting.

3) Lamoine Beach Park Balloon Landing Request: Cathi noted that the commission had recently received a special events permit application for a wedding in August that would involve a hot air balloon landing at the beach. Doug noted that according to Mike Jordan, the town's property extends to the mean low tide line at the park, so the commissioners have jurisdiction over the use of that area. The commissioners doubted that it was possible to pilot a balloon to that exact landing area due to the coastal winds. Maggie stated that the park would not be closed to other park visitors during the event and that the balloon would constitute a safety hazard. The commissioners agreed that the park was not an appropriate area for such an activity and did not approve the request due to safety concerns. Cathi will communicate this decision to Stu Marckoon.

4) Sunscreen Dispenser Proposal: Cathi reported that Stu has requested the commissioners' recommendation on the recent proposal to put sunscreen dispensers in the parks by the organization, Impact Melanoma. A discussion on the feasibility and appropriateness of this proposal followed. The commissioners felt that the town's parks were not the appropriate place for these dispensers since the town would be responsible for their upkeep and replenishment. Doug suggested that these units would be more appropriate and useful in a staffed facility such as a town swimming pool where they could be more easily maintained. The commissioners noted that there may be some safety issues with the sunscreen dispensers if they were not used frequently enough, allowing the sunscreen to degrade and possibly go bad. Finally, the commissioners felt that this was a level of service not befitting the rural character of the parks. Cathi will communicate the commissioners' decision not to support this proposal.

5) Marlboro Beach Park: The commissioners continued the discussion from their April 14th meeting concerning the needs at the park. The commissioners identified the park regulations to be included on a sign at the park. As part of this discussion, Cathi noted that the parks ordinance prohibits the storage of boats at the parks. The regulations to be included on the sign were: 1) No Overnight Parking 2) No Camping 3) No Fireworks 4) No Boat Storage. It was decided not to prohibit campfires since they are a traditional use of the area and the chance of a campfire spreading to other areas is highly unlikely due to daily tidal flooding and the general lack of vegetation.

Methods to protect the grassland areas were discussed. Doug recommended that the simplest and least costly means be tried first to do this. A cedar post and yellow rope fencing system was discussed and agreed to. It was felt that cedar posts would be more attractive than the current steel posts. Bob stated that he would donate eight 8-foot cedar posts to this project. Maggie suggested the need for signage to educate the public as to the reason for the barrier. It was agreed that signs with simple wording ("Seagrass Rehabilitation Area – Please Keep Out") would be acquired and affixed to the cedar posts. Bob and Cathi volunteered to look the area over to determine the length of rope, number of posts and the number of signs needed.

Cathi will get an estimate for the cost of signs and fencing and pass it on to Stu to purchase.

6) Mobile Vending in the Parks: Doug requested that the commissioners discuss the recent e-mail request for permission to locate a mobile vending trailer at the park. He noted that this issue is not addressed in either the parks ordinance or the town's building ordinance. It was agreed that to regulate such activity, the parks ordinance would need to be amended to give the commissioners authority to regulate the activity. Cathi stated that the commissioners should seek guidance from the board of selectmen on this issue and whether they want to regulate such

activities in the park and possibly the rest of the town. Cathi will pass this request on to Stu for inclusion on the board of selectmen's meeting agenda.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Lamoine Parks Commission will be on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Lamoine Town Hall.

There being no further business, Doug proposed and Cathi seconded a motion to adjourn. **Vote in favor was 5 to 0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Jones
Secretary, Lamoine Parks Commission